

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

Washington, D.C. 20505

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3 April 1976

Minutes of Fifth Meeting
Committee on Foreign Intelligence
East Building, at 1400 hours, 31 March 1976

Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT


Mr. Robert F. Ellsworth, Deputy Secretary of Defense

Mr. William G. Hyland, Deputy Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs

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ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Thomas Latimer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Intelligence)

 Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

Mr. E. H. Knoche, Associate Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence
Community

Mr. Richard Lehman, Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the 31 March 1976 Meeting of the
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1. The Chairman introduced [] who has been appointed as the Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community. Mr. Bush paid high tribute to [] citing his varied background and special skills.

2. The revised minutes of CFI meetings held to date were approved. 25X1

3. Mr. Slack of OSD and [] of the IC Staff joined for a lengthy discussion of a CFI resource control process. Mr. Slack briefed on the nature of the current DoD budget and program cycles pointing out that the FY 1978 budgets and programs are already fairly far advanced. Mr. Ellsworth observed that for the CFI to issue fiscal guidance now may be nothing more than wheel spinning and that a systematic cycle is best thought of for FY 1979. Mr. Hyland felt that the CFI does have sufficient authority to revise internal DoD decisions concerning these programs and budgets and that the CFI need not be bound by those internal decisions. Mr. Hyland urged that early steps be taken to insure that CFI devotes attention to DoD Program Objective Memoranda (POM's). The up-shot of the discussion was that [] will take hold of the topic, 25X1 confer with fiscal officers from DoD and other departments as appropriate and come up with a proposal for a program and budget review schedule for the issuance of CFI resource guidance to program managers, and for insuring CFI attention to POM's. The IC Staff draft memorandum on resource guidance was tabled and members were invited to let the IC Staff know of suggested changes or revisions prior to the next meeting.

4. Some 15 policy issues, all but one of which were suggested for ICS attention by Mr. Ellsworth at the meeting of 19 March, were discussed. Mr. Ellsworth made specific suggestions to be included in the planning for study of these issues.

5. The proposed revisions to NSCID #3 and #4 were approved. Mr. Latimer suggested all revised NSCID's be held together for one last look prior to the CFI's submitting the entire package for issuance. [] of the ICS was asked to try to complete the revisions of the remaining NSCID's prior to the next CFI meeting. 25X1

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